As Masons we must speak out

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Wherever communism gains a foothold, wherever dictatorship rules, wherever people for any reason are dependent upon government, liberty is destroyed, property is confiscated, and taxes rise to perpetuate paternalism.

Centralized authority cannot and should not exist where free men demand that liberty be maintained, and when they have the courage and the wisdom to enforce their demands.

America stands almost alone as the last great citadel of liberty. It is the oldest constitutional republic in the world. It has grown greater in ten generations than any other nation in a hundred. Not because our natural wealth was greater—not that Americans were stronger mentally or physically than were the people from whence they sprang—not that we were more ambitious or industrious than our ancestors—but solely because under our form of constitutional government Americans have been free to use all their energy, free to accept the inspiration of their own ambition, free to work and sacrifice for their own advancement, and free to profit by their own mistakes.

But now that same energy is becoming confined and contained, limited and restricted.

We did not seek it—we do not want it—we hoped it might pass us by, but this is war—ruthless, vicious, uncompromising to the death—and we are in it—in self-defense—"for the ashes of our fathers and the altars of our gods." And Khrushchev says our children will be communists! That he "will bury us!"

If freedom be preserved, we need hearken once again to the voice of Washington as he warned against alien influence and foreign entanglements. We must recognize the wisdom of Marshall who declared, "The power to tax is the power to destroy." We must recall the declaration of Jefferson, "That government is best which governs least." We must find the conscience of Franklin who asked in prayer the guidance of Almighty God in his contention to be free. And we must have no less courage and character than Patrick Henry who asked, "Is life so dear or peace so sweet as to be purchased at the price of chains and slavery?"

It is for us, my Brothers, to recognize that communism, as such, cannot make good citizens, nor accept free ones. No Godless ideology can produce a nation of free men. "When people forget God, tyrants forge their chains."

We must get back to God. We must regain our lost concept of freedom. We must be reinvested with the spirit of the ancient principles from which our nation was born. We must be alerted to the price we know must be paid for liberty. We must, as men and Masons, in no way shirk the full responsibilities of our citizenship. God-given freedom must not be lost through apathy or fear, nor jeopardized by expediency, nor compromised by unbalanced thinking.

It is a crime unspeakable to send our sons and daughters into recurrent wars to die for the ideal of freedom, only to destroy that same ideal, because we have not the stamina to protect and defend it, in time of peace.

Five million men with one ideal of freedom—with one voice to proclaim it—without fear in the holy cause they serve—can leaven the thought and strengthen the character of the whole nation—of the whole world.

This is the hour. The sand runs low in the glass. We have little time. Let it be not wasted in useless bickering about religious sects, nor political extremists, nor social distinctions. Harmony is still the strength and support of all society. United we can prevail. We know the way. We must speak out.

And if for a moment we see no danger, let us turn our eyes to the East whence comes the Light, and to the South, the better to observe the time. There stands the Spirit of Cuba, chained and shackled, with weeping eyes and upturned hands, crying out in misery,—Oh, Lord, my God, is there no help—is there no hope!

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Jews Protest Israeli 'Bias'

More than 3,500 Orthodox Jews, in a Manhattan Center rally, last night protested what they termed unfair treatment of religious Jews by the Israeli government.

The rally was sponsored by the Central Rabbinical Congress of the U.S. and Canada of 134 Broadway, Brooklyn.

The group said it was "shocked by the tragic facts from Israel concerning the bitter hatred campaign against religious Jews which was caused by the Israeli press and supported in government circles."

The arrests in Israel of a number of Orthodox rabbis were denounced.

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"Keep Slugging"

Many friends of **Common Sense** have inquired as to the health of our editor, **Conde McGinley.**

As it has been impossible to answer all of them individually, we want to thank publicly the hundreds of wonderful people who have sent him messages of encouragement, have remembered him in their prayers, and have assisted us materially in this hour of need.

These past seventeen years Mr. McGinley has striven, against tremendous odds, to save Christianity and our country from the diabolical forces bent on the destruction of both.

Despite Mr. McGinley's illness, his mind is alert and he does some work daily from his bed. Although he has shown definite improvement the past months, his condition is still serious. We ask you, his friends, to continue to storm heaven in his behalf.

Besides your prayers and your substantial aid, the best way to help Conde McGinley get well is, in his own words:

"KEEP SLUGGING"

—The Staff

EGYPTIANS — NO DOPES!

"Egyptian Government divers on the beach near Alexandria bring up from shallow water, bags of what was alleged to be mostly hashish and opium. According to U. A. R. sources, the bags contained drugs that had been dropped by Israeli steamer outside the three mile limit, brought by motor boats to a point close in, and put in bags so the smugglers could swim in with it under water. According to the account, the plot was discovered by a group of women who had gone down to the shore to bathe in the early morning to avoid being observed by men. Officially in the U. A. R. blame has been laid on Israel for $7,000,000 of drugs smuggled into Egypt. Israel was accused of 'deliberately trying to dope Egyptians in order to soften their resistance'. It was an illustration of worsening relations between the countries."

London "Sphere" Aug. 29,1959.

Kennedy's Scheme

When **Pres. Kennedy** recently arranged for refugees from **Red China** to enter the United States, it wasn't the first time he had solved a refugee problem. **Fanny Holtzman,** noted U. S. lawyer, tells of another occasion.

"It was in 1939, and I was in London working to help refugees escaping from Nazi Germany," Miss Holtzman recalls. **"Neither Britain nor the United States would relax their strict immigration laws to accept them."**

"One day I ran into Jack—his father was then ambassador to Britain—and told him my problem. He had a few ideas, but nothing worked. Then one day Jack had an inspiration. 'Why not send them to New York as visitors to the World's Fair?' he suggested. 'They can get visas for that. Then once they are there, no one will have the heart to send them back.'"

The scheme was tried—and it worked. Kennedy's idea thus became the formula by which thousands hounded by Hitler escaped to freedom.

Albuquerque Journal, 8/26/62 (p. 14).

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